

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

When the church bell is rung let us be silent for worship.

**Please stand if able.*

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you've been our home forever,
long before the mountains were born.

**Long before you brought earth itself to birth,
from "once upon a time" to "kingdom come—you are God!"**

O teach us to live well.

Teach us to live wisely and well.

**Surprise us with love at daybreak;
then we will skip and dance all day long.**

*HYMN 302

I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty,
You have drawn near to us,
but we have turned away from your light.
You have chosen us to be your people,
but we confess that we have lived
as though we belonged to ourselves.

**Forgive us for going the way of the world,
doing the works of darkness, and forgetting your law of love
toward God and neighbor.**

**Empower us by your Spirit to be faithful followers of Jesus,
who taught us by word and example how to live as your children,
to your honor and glory**

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sunday, October 11, 2009

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	Oct. 11	8:30a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:00 p.m.	Fellowship
Tues.	Oct. 13	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.	Oct. 14	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	MANNA
		7:30 p.m.	Choir
Fri.	Oct. 16	9:00 a.m.	MA's Group
Sat.	Oct. 17	6:30 p.m.	Guess Who's Coming for Appetizers?

To Our Visitors: Whether you have visited with us before or are visiting today for the first time, we hope you experience the open-hearted hospitality of the Living Christ in our community of faith as we gather in his name for Sabbath worship. Because it is our desire to get to know you better and to be able to communicate to you about our life and ministry, we appreciate you filling out the attendance register. The Session meets after each service on the First Sunday of the month to receive new members at the front of the sanctuary. One becomes a member of a Presbyterian church in one of three ways: 1) Profession of Faith, 2) Re-affirmation of Faith, 3) by Letter of Transfer from a previous church.

Children and Balcony Pews!!—If you have small children with you in worship, please do not sit in the front row of the balcony! Help us keep the children safe by choosing another pew for all children under the age of ten.

In Our Prayers we remember: Kim & Corinne Hovda, Mary Elizabeth Williams, Kim Vigil, Carol Sweet, Nannette Grimes, Ginny Boerlin, and Anne Greene. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

Prayer Chain: *Prayer requests* are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please contact Fran Wingardner (540-882-4847) or email prayer@lpcva.org if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

Pew Postcards—If you wish to send a note to a member of our congregation, please write your message on the white postcard and put it in the offering plate. The office will address it and mail it out for you.



Today's the day.

The 2009-2010 Adult Church School adventure continues. **Come celebrate John Calvin's 500th birthday** at a viewing of "Calvin Jubilee—Celebrating 500 years of reformed faith and life." Class meets in the Lounge. **Conversations About Parenting** continues this week. This course offers an opportunity for parents of children of all ages to hear about and discuss the challenges of leading Christian families in today's world. Interactive in nature, each week session leader Ben Franklin or Nancy Van Zandt will present some information about family dynamics and ideas about parenting and participants will be encouraged to bring up their own experiences and questions as parents. Class meets in Fellowship Hall.

It's not just your kid's Sunday School!

Sunday Morning Schedule for Children—8:30 a.m. **Worship**—Children from birth through age 3 are welcome in the Noah's Ark Nursery. Two certified child-care attendants staff the room from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. **9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages**—There are classes for age three through youth and adults. Child care for birth through age 2 in the Noah's Ark Nursery. **11:00 a.m. Worship**—Child care for birth through age 2 in the Noah's Ark Nursery. Share-the-Care follows the *Time with Children*, ages 3 through Kindergarten are escorted to the classroom downstairs. Adult and youth volunteers staff this program. A suggested lesson plan is sent to the volunteers prior to their volunteer Sunday. If you are able to assist in this program, please contact Karen Werner at the church. Children in first grade and older are invited to stay in worship with their families or to participate in Children's Choir. There are age appropriate worship bulletins available. Just ask an usher for your bulletin.

Youth Group—No Youth Group tonight because of the holiday weekend.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study **Led by the pastor and Wednesday morning "wise women"** ***Neglected Voices*** ***Biblical Spirituality in the Margins***

We will explore the lives of lesser-known biblical figures who have much to teach people today about the importance of faithfulness in all places and times. By seeing how God's grace is present in the lives of biblical "unknowns," we become open to the possibilities in our own lives and the lives of others. **Study Book: \$10.00**

All Saints Sunday—November 1, 2009 we will have a time during worship to speak aloud the names of loved ones of our members who have died this past year. Please call or email the church office with the name(s) you would like Rev. Parsons to read aloud during worship.

MANNA our fall fellowship dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On the menu this week: **Soup & Sandwich Night**. Following supper, Pastor Debbie will lead adults in a discussion from 6:45-7:15 while Karen Werner, our Interim Director of Christian Education, will lead our children (age 4 and older) in a special program. Childcare will be provided in the nursery for those age 3 and under. As always no RSVP is required. Our Deacons provide all the food, but if you're able, a small contribution of \$4 per adult, \$2 per child (max \$10 per family) is always appreciated! Manna is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the folks you sit next to on Sunday mornings. Come join us, a good time is had by all! See you then!

The LPC Book Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on second Fridays in the lounge. You are welcome to attend any or all meetings. Our next two reading selections are as follows: November 13 - *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell; and December 11 - *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by *Jamie Ford*. Please contact Jennifer Marsh with questions (703-779-0042).



**Help Stop Hunger!
JOIN THE CROP WALK**

**6 Miles on the W&OD Bike Trail
Leaving Purcellville Train Station at 8:30 a.m.**

On Oct. 24th LPC will once again be part of Church World Service's CROP Walk for Hunger. Last year, with several dedicated walkers, we raised \$1,000.

We know we can beat this!

**We're aiming for at least \$2k with a challenge target of \$5k.
You can help us hit this goal.**

**Walk with friends and get a few sponsors or opt to sponsor someone else.
It's easy!**

**If you have questions contact Pam Poisson (703-729-7953) or
Laura Herring (703-777-7639).**

The Peacemaking Offering—The PCUSA Peacemaking Offering was received on Sunday, October 4th. A total of \$1,399 was received. Twenty-five percent or \$349.75 is being given to support the Loudoun Salvation Army's new project of taking hot meals to hungry folks in our community. This fledgling program made initial deliveries in Sterling and Leesburg providing 325 meals. Local organizations are volunteering to serve, drive, cook, etc. Our offering will be greatly appreciated and used to help meet the expenses incurred. If you missed the chance to make your offering, there are still some envelopes in the pews available. If you have other questions, please contact Pat Kropp.

Children's Choir — Kindergarten-5th grade children are invited to participate in the Children's Choir which practices the second, third and fourth Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service after the Children's Message. Director Wendy Bourloukas will be at the door to escort children upstairs. The children will learn songs to sing in the worship service and also begin practice for the Christmas musical! No Children's Choir on **First Sunday** of the month so children can participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

***THE GLORIA PATRI 579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN) (Congregation sings as children come forward and leave)

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Micah 6: 6-8

Pew Bible Pg.866

ANTHEM

When Long Before Time

arr. David Cherwien

Nate Ritsema, violin

THE LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 5: 1-11, 14-16

Pew Bible Pg.4

SERMON

“On Our Way—Charged and Blessed!”

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

HYMN 344

Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR TIME FOR PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Thank you, God, for all that you have entrusted to us. With these gifts we dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us. Amen.**

***HYMN 447**

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Bind Us Together, Lord

Bob Gillman

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord.
Bind us together in love.

POSTLUDE

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall
for our Second Sunday Feast
immediately following the Worship Services.
All are welcome!*

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Office Hours: Monday-9-3; Tuesday thru Thursday: 9-4; Friday: 9-2

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

ASSISTING TODAY:

8:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Sally Nathan

Ushers: Andy & Sheryl Tompkins

Fellowship: Clemens/Ruth Circles

11:00 a.m.

Ben Franklin

Clemens/Ruth Circles

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